

House Resolution 252

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, McCall of the 30th, Maddox of the 172nd, England of the 108th, Hill of the 180th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Roger "Bo" Coleman Ryles, Jr., for outstanding
2 contributions to youth development in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Roger "Bo" Coleman Ryles, Jr., has diligently and conscientiously devoted
4 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community
5 and state as evidenced dramatically by his 34 years of exemplary service to the University
6 of Georgia and the youth of Georgia as a faculty member of the College of Agricultural and
7 Environmental Sciences; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ryles began his career as a program assistant and served as a county
9 extension agent, an extension 4-H specialist for animal projects, a district 4-H agent, and a
10 program development specialist; and

11 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Dr. Bo," he has served as State 4-H Leader and
12 Director of 4-H for the last 15 years, serving as a leader and role model for over 162,000
13 Georgia 4-H participants; and

14 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Ryles, Georgia 4-H has created countless camping
15 programs, excelled in project achievement and livestock and equine events, and expanded
16 performing arts opportunities for Georgia youth; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Ryles holds leadership positions in countless organizations, including
18 National Chair of State 4-H Program Leaders, National Chair of 4-H Leadership Trust, and
19 Southern Region Chair of State 4-H Leaders; and

20 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Dr. Ryles has committed his time and
21 efforts to such efforts as the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, the National Extension
22 Committee on Organizational Policy, the Governor's Council on Leadership, the Georgia

23 Association of Education Leaders, Kids Voting Georgia Board of Directors, the Georgia 4-H
24 Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Georgia Counselor Alumni Association; and

25 WHEREAS, through Dr. Ryles's great guidance and vision, Georgia 4-H has achieved
26 national acclaim in promoting science, engineering, and technology; and

27 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body join in expressing appreciation to Dr. Ryles for
28 his outstanding efforts and accomplishments in youth and leadership development.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize, commend, and congratulate Dr. Roger "Bo" Coleman
31 Ryles, Jr., on his upcoming retirement from the University of Georgia College of
32 Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and express gratitude for his laudable achievements
33 and service to young people and the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Ryles.